

1.

Will you stop the Adani coal mine and the exploitation of the Galilee coal basin, as a first step in a moratorium on new coal mines and expansions?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

This is spelled out in our federal election platform:

<https://socialist-alliance.org/elections/federal/2019/election-platform/2019-federal-election>

"A planned shift to 100% renewable energy within 10 years via public investment and emission reduction targets;...

"Stop Adani and all new coal mines;

"Stop fracking and all unconventional gas mining;

"Make the shift from coal and gas to renewables with a just transition for workers;..."

2. Will you review Adani's environmental approvals and take action if new evidence is available?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

3. Will you rule out any direct or indirect public subsidies to Adani?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

4. Will you implement policies in line with the Paris Agreement to limit dangerous global warming to 1.5 to 2 degrees, including a process to regularly strengthen these policies when needed in line with independent scientific advice?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

Our policy goes beyond the Paris Agreement, that is, we support climate action stronger than the Paris Agreement.

Please see our election platform linked above.

5. Will you rule out counting Kyoto carryover credits towards your emissions reduction target?

Yes

6. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

7. Do you accept that carbon pollution can and must be reduced faster in the electricity sector than in other sectors of the economy?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

We support reducing emissions in all sectors of the economy as fast as is feasible.

8. Will you implement a national plan for a just and orderly transition away from coal power to clean energy, phasing out all coal-burning power stations by 2030, and establishing a statutory authority to make sure that affected workers and communities are supported in the transition?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

Once again, please see our election platform for details:

<https://socialist-alliance.org/elections/federal/2019/election-platform/2019-federal-election>

We also have a climate action plan with more detail:

<https://socialist-alliance.org/policy/environment-climate-change/climate-change-charter>

9. Will you establish a new national Environmental Protection Agency and pass a new generation of environment laws that includes binding National Standards on Air Pollution (including from vehicles and coal-burning power plants) to protect the health of all Australians, with sufficient penalties to ensure that requirements are met?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

Our policy doesn't specifically call for a "new EPA" but this is something we would support if it were motivated by strengthening environmental protections.

On pollution from transport see our Sustainable Transport policy:

<https://socialist-alliance.org/policy/social-justice-public-transport-nationalisation/sustainable-transport>

"Providing transport without creating greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, or other pollutants, is a necessity..."

10. Will you work with the states and territories to ensure Australia's renewable boom continues in your first term of government (i.e. that the roll-out of renewables across the country continues at the rate of at least 6GWs a year)?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

We support a faster roll-out of renewables sufficient to achieve 100% renewable energy within 10 years, in policy already cited above.

11. Will you unleash investment and jobs in renewable energy by protecting and extending ARENA's mandate beyond 2022, supporting new transmission for renewable energy zones, supporting the development of a clean energy exports industry, and helping businesses seize the benefits of low-cost renewables and energy savings by underwriting clean energy contracts for at least 250 energy-intensive businesses?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

"Will you unleash investment and jobs in renewable energy..." YES

"...by protecting and extending ARENA's mandate beyond 2022..." YES, either ARENA or a superior mechanism

"...supporting new transmission for renewable energy zones, supporting the development of a clean energy exports industry..." YES. Export industry could include publicly owned industry.

"...and helping businesses seize the benefits of low-cost renewables and energy savings..." YES

"...by underwriting clean energy contracts for at least 250 energy-intensive businesses" We would need more information before committing to this.

12. Will you ensure that all households, especially low-income households, renters and indigenous communities, can access the benefits of clean energy and energy efficiency, including the establishment of community clean energy hubs and solar rebates for renters?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

13. Will you support a Commonwealth Integrity Commission with sufficient funding, public hearings, strong investigative powers, a broad scope, and the ability to make public findings of corruption?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

14. Do you support protections from prosecution for whistleblowers who expose government wrongdoing?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

This is included in this section of our policy:

"Democracy is further constrained by laws restricting ... broader civil rights to organise and protest.

"Socialist Alliance campaigns for the repeal of all such undemocratic laws. It also supports a Constitutional bill of rights entrenching democratic and social rights."

<https://socialist-alliance.org/policy/social-justice/electoral-reform>

15. Do you support caps on electoral campaign expenditure?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

"The Socialist Alliance campaigns for a totally different system of public funding of election campaigns. The current system privileges and entrenches the incumbents and the traditional parties of government and pays for expensive (and misleading)

advertising campaigns in the privately-owned mass media.

"We support a system of public funding that guarantees all contending parties and candidates an equal chance to present their platforms before elections."

<https://socialist-alliance.org/policy/social-justice/electoral-reform>

16. Will you cap an individual or corporation's donations to political parties, candidates and associated entities to \$2,000 per year (aggregate) and require donations to be disclosed in real time?

Uncommitted

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

We support caps on corporate donations to political parties, candidates and associated entities to \$2000 per year.

We also support real time disclosure of donations.

We don't have a policy on general, individual donations to political parties

17. Will you support and commit to implement the 'Medi-vac Bill' which instituted a process to allow detainees offshore to be transferred to the Australian mainland for medical treatment and assessment at the behest of a panel of Australian doctors?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

We support the "Medi-vac Bill" and we also support more far reaching justice for refugees policies, including an end to mandatory detention and policy offering all refugees & asylum seekers on Manus and Nauru protection in Australia:

<https://socialist-alliance.org/policy/refugee-and-immigrant-rights-social-justice/refugees>

See also:

<https://socialist-alliance.org/news/medevac-bill-shows-why-we-need-socialist-election-campaign>

18. Will you support the full evacuation of all those refugees and people seeking asylum held on Nauru and Manus Island for over 5 years to safety in Australia or an equivalent third country?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

<https://socialist-alliance.org/policy/refugee-and-immigrant-rights-social-justice/refugees>

19. Are you committed to multiculturalism and a diverse community?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

20. Will you oppose attempts to introduce English-language tests and extend the waiting times for Australian citizenship, and ensure that the Home Affairs Department processes all current and future citizenship applications in a timely and transparent manner?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

21. Will you reverse changes made by the Social Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 that adversely affect migrant communities and oppose any further exclusion of migrants from the social safety net?

Yes

22. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

23.

Will you ensure that protections against racial discrimination, including Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act, remain intact and that you will consider extending existing protections and policies?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

<https://socialist-alliance.org/policy/social-justice/no-racism>

24.

Will you rule out any preference or political deals with One Nation and similarly racist far right parties or candidates, and will you place them at the bottom of your how to vote cards?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

25. Do you support putting First Nations Affairs in First Nations hands?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to be the victims, not the creators, of the policies which affect them. That is why the Socialist Alliance's basic "policy approach" is to provide solidarity and support to all struggles for justice by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"We stand for:...

"* A treaty and real land rights

"* Aboriginal control of Aboriginal affairs"

<https://socialist-alliance.org/policy/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-rights/charter-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander>

26. Will you take action on deaths in custody, starting with a comprehensive audit of the implementation of the Royal Commission's recommendations?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

"There can be no social justice and equality for Aboriginal Australians until problems that cause this situation are tackled by:

"* Implementation of all the 339 recommendations of the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, and full investigation into the scores of avoidable deaths since,"

<https://socialist-alliance.org/policy/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-rights/charter-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander>

27. Will you end the racist and punitive Community Development Program?

Yes

28. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

29. Will you restore critical funding partnerships between state and federal governments for remote Aboriginal community housing?

Yes

30. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

"The Socialist Alliance says...

** As part of expanding social housing, develop and adequately fund an Indigenous housing plan to address unmet need (17% of people using homelessness services are Indigenous as against less than 2% for the population as a whole);

** Implement an emergency repair and upgrading plan for Indigenous households;

** Help Indigenous communities maintain and improve their housing stock by providing the necessary training and resources and develop local production of building materials;

** Provide housing opportunities that meet cultural and community needs."

<https://socialist-alliance.org/policy/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-rights/charter-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander>

31. Will you reverse all of the budget cuts to health, education and aged care from the 2014 budget onwards?

Yes

32. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

33. Will you reverse all ABC and SBS budget cuts from the 2014 budget onwards?

Yes

34. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

35. Will you protect the independence of the ABC and SBS, reform the board appointment process and commit to not interfering in board or senior executive decision making?

Yes

36. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

<https://www.greenleft.org.au/content/abc-crisis-genuinely-independent-democratised-public-broadcaster>

37. Do you agree that Newstart is too low and that it must be raised by at least \$75 per week?

Yes

38. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

Among other places, this is specified in policy here:

"Increase the base rates of allowances to the level of pension payments and index these payments to a level which adequately covers the costs of living, including housing."

<https://socialist-alliance.org/policy/social-justice-education-housing-health/welfare-rights-charter>

39. Will you take steps to reduce the cost of out-of-pocket medical expenses?

Yes

40. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

"Restore free, universal health care – end the back door co-payments;"

<https://socialist-alliance.org/elections/federal/2019/election-platform/2019-federal-election>

(among other such measures)

41. Will you reverse cuts to weekend and public holiday penalty rates announced in 2017?

Yes

42. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

"Restore penalty rates;"

<https://socialist-alliance.org/elections/federal/2019/election-platform/2019-federal-election>

43. Will you make housing more affordable, including by reforming negative gearing and the capital gains tax discount?

Yes

44. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

45. Will you adopt a full employment target of 2-3% unemployed?

Yes

46. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

"Recognise the right to secure work for all"

"Create jobs by introducing a 30 hour week, with no loss of wages"

<https://socialist-alliance.org/elections/federal/2019/election-platform/2019-federal-election>

47. Will you trial a Job Guarantee program?

Yes

48. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

49. Will you abolish Stage 2 and 3 of the income tax cuts in the 2018 Federal Budget?

Yes

50. Would you like to provide any additional information on this question?

"Tax the corporations and the rich — no GST"

"Scrap the GST;

"For a progressive tax system where the wealthy pay their share;..."

<https://socialist-alliance.org/elections/federal/2019/election-platform/2019-federal-election>

51. Will you stop unfair tax giveaways to high income earners through avenues like superannuation tax concessions and dividend imputation?

Yes

52. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?